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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.**

1. (Previously Presented) An epilating device comprising a rotary cylinder capable of being set in rotation about its axis and having clamping means arranged about its circumference in a manner offset in the circumferential direction for gripping and removing hairs, wherein actuating means for the clamping means (7) are designed and arranged in a manner that at least two clamping means (7) offset in the circumferential direction are each actuated at the same time.

2. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 1, wherein the offset of the simultaneously actuated clamping means (7) is between 3° and 45°.

3. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 1 wherein the respective at least two simultaneously actuated clamping means (7) offset in the circumferential direction are arranged to be offset in the axial direction.

4. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 1, wherein the clamping means (7) are each comprised of a clamping element (5) fixed relative to the rotary cylinder (1) and a movable clamping element (6) capable of being pressed against the fixed clamping element (5).

5. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 4, wherein the fixed clamping elements (5) are each formed by a side wall of a hole provided in the rotary cylinder (1), into which one movable clamping element (6) each immerses.

6. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 1, wherein the actuating means comprise coupling members extending in the axial direction (2) of the rotary cylinder (1) and cooperating with the clamping means (7) to actuate the same.

7. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 6, wherein the coupling members are designed as slides (8) movably guided in the axial direction (2) of the rotary cylinder (1), and wherein movable clamping elements (6) are each coupled with one slide (8) in an angularly firm manner.

8. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 7, wherein the slides (8) are each slidingly mounted on two mounting rods (10) extending in the axial direction (2), slides (8) neighbouring in the circumferential direction comprising one common mounting rod (10) at most.

9. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 4, wherein the movable clamping elements (6) of the respective clamping means (7) actuated simultaneously are associated with a common spring element (18), against the force of which the clamping elements (6) are each displaceable.

10. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 7, wherein the slides (8) of the respective clamping means (7) actuated simultaneously are guided on two common mounting rods (10) with a spring element (18) acting in the axial direction being arranged between these slides (8), and that at least one of these slides (8) includes a region offset in the direction of rotation of the rotary cylinder (1) and at least another one of these slides (8) includes a region offset against the direction of rotation of the rotary cylinder (1), with which offset regions the movable clamping element (6) is each coupled or connected.

11. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 6, wherein the actuating means comprise control elements arranged on the end sides of the rotary cylinder (1) and cooperating with the coupling members to actuate the clamping means (7).

12. (Currently Amended) An epilating device according to claim 6, wherein on each end side of the rotary cylinder (1) a ~~press-roll~~ pressure roller 23 is arranged, onto which the coupling members run, wherein one of the ~~press-rolls~~ pressure rollers 23 is arranged to be offset relative to the opposite ~~press-roll~~ pressure roller 23 in the circumferential direction of the rotary cylinder (1).

13. (Currently Amended) An epilating device according to claim 12, wherein the offset of the ~~press-rolls~~ pressure rollers is  $< 60^\circ$ .

14. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 1, wherein the offset of the simultaneously actuated clamping means (7) is about  $32^\circ$ .

15. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 3, wherein the clamping means (7) are each comprised of a clamping element (5) fixed relative to the rotary cylinder (1) and a movable clamping element (6) capable of being pressed against the fixed clamping element (5).

16. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 3, wherein the actuating means comprise coupling members extending in the axial direction (2) of the rotary cylinder (1) and cooperating with the clamping means (7) to actuate the same.

17. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 4, wherein the actuating means comprise coupling members extending in the axial direction (2) of the rotary cylinder (1) and cooperating with the clamping means (7) to actuate the same.

18. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 5, wherein the movable clamping elements (6) of the respective clamping means (7) actuated simultaneously

are associated with a common spring element (18), against the force of which the clamping elements (6) are each displaceable.

19. (Previously Presented) An epilating device according to claim 6, wherein the movable clamping elements (6) of the respective clamping means (7) actuated simultaneously are associated with a common spring element (18), against the force of which the clamping elements (6) are each displaceable.

20. (Currently Amended) An epilating device according to claim 12, wherein the offset of the ~~press rolls~~ pressure rollers is about 32°.